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THE 4TH OF JULY

"...we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

-Thomas Jefferson



Illustration by Airman 1st Class Tyler Moore

ACC commander sends holiday message

by General Ronald Keys

Air Combat Command commander

As we celebrate our nation's independence we have the opportunity to reflect upon the principles of freedom and liberty that our founding fathers so dearly cherished. We in ACC are prepared, ready and willing to step into harm's way at home and around the globe so that others may know and enjoy the freedom and peace shared by all Americans. July 4th is a time to pause and celebrate with family and friends. Unfortunately, far too often our celebrations have been diminished or silenced by the injury or loss of fellow Airmen. Even sadder is the fact that many of these losses resulted from easily preventable mishaps.

May 27 marked the first holiday weekend of the "101 Critical Days of Summer" and it was a tragic beginning. Two Airmen lost their lives in unrelated vehicle mishaps. Neither Airman was wearing their seat belt. In contrast, passengers of both mishaps survived because they buckled up. Looking forward, this upcoming holiday weekend presents a similar challenge—ACC lost Airmen during the 4th of July weekend in both 2003 and 2004. Last year, an Airman was operating a motorcycle on a two-lane highway at excessive speed, lost control and skidded into a culvert. The member died 12 days later from extensive injuries. Lack of training, lack of a protective helmet and alcohol were all factors in this mishap. Two years ago we lost an Airman who fell asleep

at the wheel. The vehicle left the road and struck a tree; fatigue and alcohol were both factors.

Certain risks are inherent in the jobs we do while serving our country. Foolish risk is unacceptable. Whether you're a commander, crew chief, medical technician or information manager, no plausible explanation justifies accepting unnecessary risk pursuing recreation activities or when we take to the road. This is a message we must convey to all. We must take our duties as leaders and wingmen seriously and break the mishap chain of events to keep one another safe. Your outstanding job performance illustrates your focus on the mission; our challenge is for each of us to bring that same level of attention and focus to off-duty activities this

4th of July.

In preparation for this holiday weekend, get involved with your units, get your leaders involved up and down the line. We are proud to say that, "The Air Force takes care of its own"... but we need to make that more than just a bumper sticker. Each of us needs to remind each other to plan ahead, plan responsibly, play responsibly and "look out for the other guy." Let's make sure that we've got the same professional approach in our personal lives that we exhibit day in and day out on the job. When the 4th is over, I need you and your people all back at work healthy and whole. Let's enjoy the 4th and celebrate the sacrifices that allow us to still celebrate it, and let's put some effort in seeing that we do it smart and safely.

Air Force leaders send Independence Day message

The following is an Independence Day message from Michael L. Dominguez, acting Secretary of the Air Force, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

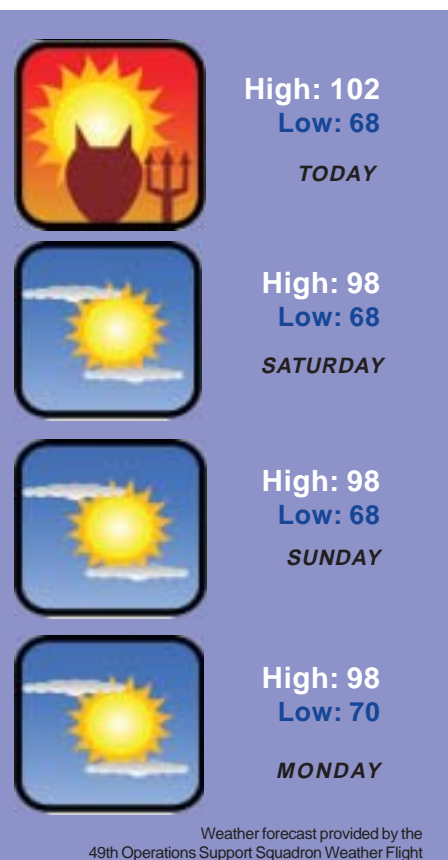
"This July 4th, we celebrate our nation's 229th year of independence. In those 229 years, the United States has embodied the principles of democracy and presented freedom's virtues for countless nations and people.





"Our road to democracy began with the original 13 colonies and hasn't always been easy. The United States has fought for her freedom and ideals whenever and wherever needed. We continue to do so today,

with Airmen deployed and engaged in the global war on terrorism.

"As you celebrate our independence this year, keep those who are serving far away from home, and their families, in your thoughts and prayers. Remember their sacrifices and the sacrifices of courageous patriots who came before them.

"You, America's Airmen, represent the very best we have to offer. Citizens of this nation and people of the world look to you as defenders of freedom. We couldn't be more proud of your strength and unity, and we thank you and your families for your selfless service. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!" (AFPN)



	High: 102 Low: 68 TODAY
	High: 98 Low: 68 SATURDAY
	High: 98 Low: 68 SUNDAY
	High: 98 Low: 70 MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **35**
DUIs this year **16**
This week last year **21**

Last six DUIs

• 49 CS	Feb. 14
• 49 CES	Feb. 22
• GAF	March 7
• 49 CES	April 17
• 49 OSS	May 6
• 49 MMSS	May 27

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

672 Saves this year

9 Saves this week



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Holloman 572-7500

Hotline

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander.

If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.



Q: As a frequent TDY traveler, I use my Government Travel Card and Defense Travel System as prescribed by Joint Travel Regulation, Air Force and Air Combat Command directives.

I returned from a temporary duty assignment TDY April 18 and DTS was inoperative. I filed a travel voucher April 25 once DTS service was resumed. My voucher has not been paid as of May 10 and my GTC bill is showing up on the past due payment list at ACC Finance. Within two weeks, it will show as delinquent, and I may be subject to credit fees.

I elevated the problem to 49th Comptroller Squadron and ACC Finance. Both offices are aware of DTS problems and empathetic, claiming widespread problems with DTS. They advised that they are working the problem, but equally frustrated with DTS.

In 32 years of government service, I have never experienced such difficulty in settling a TDY voucher, or TDY travel in general. DTS, coupled with mandatory split disbursement and use of the GTC, may adversely affect my personal credit history. On behalf of all TDY travelers - please look into settling my voucher and the DTS issue in general.

A: Thank you for your call regarding your DTS voucher. I sincerely apologize for the delay in paying your travel claim in a timely manner. Documents created during the transition period from the "Jefferson" to "Madison" release of DTS in April, were "hung up" in the system. This affected 2,400 documents across the DoD and approximately 20 travelers locally. We understand the impact this problem has on travelers' financial status and their ability to make GTC payments. As of May 26, we are pleased to inform that all vouchers have been paid.

As you alluded, many people believe delinquent GTC accounts immediately affect their personal credit history; however, the contract with Bank of America doesn't allow for salary offset or credit bureau reporting until the account has been delinquent for 120 days.

DTS represents a whole new way of doing business for government travel. System enhancements are beta-tested by the units that have DTS; as a result glitches are identified and fixed real time so there will continue to be some growing pains. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through the DTS challenges. I assure you we will do everything in our power to minimize impact to Team Holloman travelers.

\$5.5 million project fires up in-shelter GAF hydrant system, turn around time for jet refueling significantly reduced

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The German Air Force has received a very useful tool in the form of the German Air Force Type-V Hydrant Facility. With the help of the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron and Weston Solutions, the hydrant system that has been out of service for more than six years, is now back up and running.

“The hydrant system is an in-shelter refueling system that allows crew chiefs to service their aircraft with aviation fuel on-demand rather than requesting mobile refueler support,” said 1st Lt. Kristie Hayward, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Management Flight commander. “The system provides non-stop aviation fuel support to the German Air Force, relieving our fuels personnel to service wing, tenant units and transient aircraft.”

The system was not operational due to incorrect welds along the pipeline that created major leaks. To offset the inoperability of the hydrant system, the 49th LRS has had to use fuel trucks to refuel GAF planes. Now, the system can

refuel four planes simultaneously where previously LRS could only fill two planes at a time.

“This system will reduce turn around times significantly,” said Capt. Edgar Staudinger, German Air Force and Flying Training Center Infrastructure officer. “The system allows for refueling of four aircraft at the same time. In the future fuel trucks will be required only to defuel the aircraft.”

Lieutenant Hayward said a lot of blood, sweat and tears went into the project to make the system operational once again.

“This \$5.5 million project required a coordinated effort between Holloman engineers, the Defense Energy Supply Center and AFCEE,” she said. “During the renovation of the hydrant system, the Fuels Management Flight experienced system failure on several occasions and loss of fill-stand use.”

Lieutenant Hayward said the project began approximately two years ago and became fully operational May 20. Now, all 24 GAF hangars have a fully operational system.

She said the teamwork between the



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens

Staff Sgt. Swen Scheffler, German Air Force, refuels a GAF Tornado using the new in-shelter hydrant system.

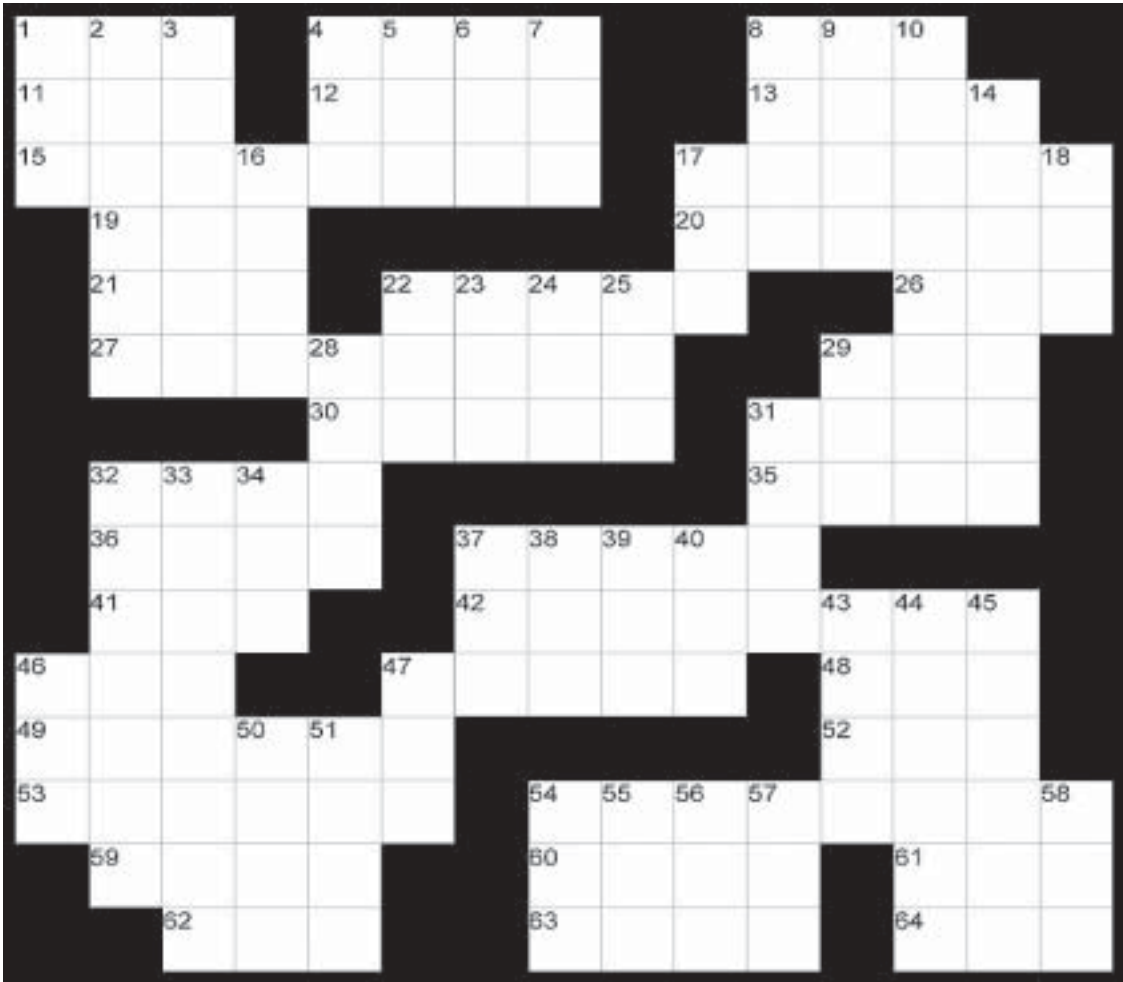
GAF and Holloman to make this system operational was great.

“GAF personnel were eager to use the newly operational system,” she said. “Our personnel and GAF personnel worked extremely well together during training and

testing of the system to make it work.”

Captain Staudinger said the GAF/FTC appreciated the outstanding communication between them, the 49th CES and Weston Solutions and thanks everyone who was involved for their excellent work.

American Independence



- ACROSS**

1. Prod

4. Inter

8. Army enlisted rank, in brief

11. Exploit

12. Fencing sword

13. First wife of Jacob

15. Props placed at end of a row of books

17. Shared

19. Airport code for SHAPE city

20. California city

21. Airport code for Taj Mahal city

22. Shoulder ____; gesture of doubt

26. Cordon entryway, in short

27. Angie Everheart and others

29. ____-Magnon

30. American Revolution soldier ____ Allen

31. Saga

32. Open slightly

35. Journey

36. Foreshadow

37. Hawkeye state denizen

41. Greek letter

42. Boston ____ ____, American Revolution event

46. Lair

47. Overeat

48. Wisconsin city ____ Claire

49. Tropical fruit

52. Alphabet starters

53. *The Jefferson's* ____ Sanford; "Weezie"

54. British law that provoked rebellion in American colonies

59. Band instrument

60. British loyalist during American Revolution

61. Field movie *Norma* ____

62. ____ Vegas, N.V.

63. Writer Bombeck

64. Mil. phone system

DOWN

1. Name

2. 2+ atoms having same mass but different numbers

3. Commander-in-Chief Washington, during American Revolution

4. Bonnet denizen

5. CBS, NBC competitor

6. ____ Coat; British soldier during American Revolution

7. Affirmative

8. Smear

9. Gala

10. Dialogue

14. American Revolution leader and politician John ____

16. Northern Iraq agricultural people

17. Making a product, in short

18. Snip

22. Solidify, as in concrete

23. Express triumph

24. Vitamin intake chart on food packing, in short

25. DoD branch

28. Right now

29. Lifesaving action, in short

31. Sicilian mount

32. Even

33. American Revolution sailor ____ Jones

34. Commotion

37. Simpson trial judge

38. USA equivalent to OPR

39. Jester

40. Mock

43. Harvest

44. Coat-of-Arms tunic

45. Spanish bayonet and Joshua tree

46. Ink jet printer production, in short

47. Female friend

50. 70s Swedish disco group

51. Yes votes

54. Sault ____ Marie, M.I.

55. Rocky peak

56. Limb

57. R&B singer Harrison

58. X, to Caesar
- Answers on page 13*



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from June 21 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued seven tickets: three for failure to stop, one for speeding, one for illegal parking, one for damage to government property and one for assault.

Property loss, damage or theft

- June 22: An Airman re-

ported his chemical warfare bag was missing from building 877.

- June 22: An NCO reported his privately owned vehicle was damaged on Senna Court.

- June 23: An NCO reported electronic equipment was on the floor in the dayroom in building 452 and the room was in disarray.

- June 23: An NCO reported an Airman's window was damaged in building 457.

- June 27: An NCO reported a static display of munitions was damaged at building 302. Someone painted the display neon

pink.

- June 27: There was a minor accident on La Luz Road when a POV hit an oryx.

- June 27: There was a minor accident in the base library parking lot between two POVs. One of the vehicles didn't see the other while backing out of a parking spot.

Patrol response

- June 23: A family member reported her son fell down the front steps at the base exchange. He was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center.

- June 23: A family member reported her husband was beating her and breaking her possessions.

If you have any information concerning any incident, call security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial 911.

Article 15s

Seven 49th FW members received Article 15s for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during April 2005.

Nonjudicial punishment is a tool that provides commanders with a prompt means of maintaining good order and discipline and promoting positive behavior changes in service members without the stigma of a court-martial conviction. By accepting nonjudicial punishment, military members are not admitting guilt, but rather choosing a forum in which to plead their cases; members are choosing to present evidence to their commanders in lieu of a judge or jury.

An Airman from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for failing to pay incurred debts. The punishment adjudged was reduction to the grade of Airman First Class, with reduction to Airman suspended, restriction to the limits of Holloman Air Force Base for 20 days and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron re-

ceived nonjudicial punishment for failing to pay incurred debts. The punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of Airman, with the reduction below Airman suspended, forfeiture of \$692 pay per month for two months suspended, restriction to the limits of Holloman Air Force Base for 30 days, 30 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 49th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for communicating a threat and failing to refrain from using sexually harassing language. Punishment included a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic, with the reduction below Airman suspended and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 49th Material Maintenance Squadron was punished under Article 15 for making a false official statement and wrongfully having sexual relations with a married woman who was not his spouse. His was reduced to the grade of Airman, required to forfeit \$25 pay per month for 2 months and was reprimanded.

An Airman from the 49th Op-

erations Support Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for disobeying a lawful order and making a false official statement. The punishment levied in this case was a reduction to the grade of Airman suspended, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 2 months suspended and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 49th Security Forces Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for willfully failing to report damage to a government vehicle and for making a false official statement. The commander adjudged punishment consisting of a reduction to the grade of Airman First Class suspended, forfeiture of \$773 pay per month for 2 months suspended, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An Airman from the 49th SFS received an Article 15 for willfully failing to report damage to a government vehicle and for making a false official statement. The punishment imposed was a reduction to the grade of Airman suspended, forfeiture of \$692 pay per month for 2 months suspended and a reprimand.

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All-America City Finalist

Holloman members support All-America City efforts

With the support of Holloman, Alamogordo, N.M., was named a finalist in America's most original and most prestigious community recognition award.

The All-America City Award encourages and recognizes civic excellence, honoring communities of all sizes in which community members, government, businesses and non-profit organizations work together to address critical local issues.

Members of Team Holloman traveled to Atlanta, June 22 to 26, to help its neighboring community of Alamogordo compete for this year's All-America City honors.

"I was really honored to represent the Fightin' 49ers and all of Team Holloman," said Maj. John Bryan, 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs director. "This competition just shows what we've always known—that Holloman and

Alamogordo are really just one city, separated by six miles of flightline!"

Holloman contributed themes such as its "Pilot For A Day" program, which helps seriously ill children see life as an Air Force fighter pilot, and also highlighted the base's one of a kind joint military-civilian hospital, Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center.

The team, consisting of 32 members from city government, the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, various youth and civic organizations from around the Tularosa Basin and Team Holloman, competed with 30 other cities from around the United States. The event is sponsored by the National Civic League.

(Editor's note: Information provided by 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Community Relations division.)

Submission guidelines

Submissions to the *Sunburst* are due by close of business Friday one week prior to the expected publication date. For consideration, submissions may be e-mailed to 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil or brought to building 29, suite 2800.

Submissions to the *Sunburst* must include: event title, date, time, place, a brief

description of the event, the first and last names and ranks and a phone number or e-mail address for contact information.

Meeting deadlines does not guarantee that information will run. All information must be edited before being published in the *Sunburst*, and submissions run on a priority, space-available basis.

Construction Zone

Arizona Avenue extension

A road construction project is currently underway to build an extension of Arizona Avenue. The new road will tie in at the intersection of Arizona Avenue and Patterson Road, continue west to cross over West Gate Road, travel around the softball fields and tie into Forty-Niner Avenue just before the existing guard shack. This road will become the main thoroughfare to the west area of Holloman. When this project is completed, New Mexico Avenue will no longer connect to Forty-Niner Avenue.

Shoulder and curb work continues on West Gate Road, but there should be minimal disruption to vehicle traffic. As stated in a previous article, the running paths in the area will be temporarily closed to pedestrian traffic. The next stage of work involves the connection to existing Forty-Niner Avenue near the guard shack. This will begin soon and will require traffic speeds below those currently posted and movement of existing drive lanes to a new temporary expanded gravel shoulder to the north. Cones, flagging and signs will direct motorists, but please use caution. Estimated completion date for the project is Fall 2005.



**"RESCUE" IS A MATTER OF
PERSPECTIVE ...**

If life has you thinking there's no way out,
it's time to call in the professionals.

Your base chaplain, the Life Skills counselors, and the people
at **1-800-SUICIDE** (784-2433) are ready to help.

ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY





by **Ms. Danielle Toste**
Sunburst staff writer

Fourth of July is all about food, fun and most of all, fireworks. However, there are some things that people should remember before deciding to set off fireworks.

Holloman Regulation 32-2001, section 18, prohibits use of all fireworks except for personnel setting off fireworks for the 49th Services Squadron

Customer Appreciation and Independence Celebration.

According to the 49th Security Forces Squadron, any active duty member caught shooting off fireworks on base could be charged with an Article 92, failure to obey a lawful order.

In the city of Alamogordo, there are some restrictions on which fireworks may be used.

No fireworks louder than a cap pistol or that flies higher than 10 feet is allowed. Ground type fireworks such as fountains, spinners, snakes, poppers and sparklers are permitted.

Although ground fireworks seem harmless, they can still be threatening.

“Even the simple sparklers can be dangerous, especially when children are holding them,” said Tech Sgt. Kelley Hill, 49th Fighter Wing Safety technician. “This is due to heat of the sparklers, which produce enough heat to melt gold.”

According to the United States Eye Injury Registry, approximately 12,000 Americans are treated in emergency rooms annually for firework-related injuries, and approximately 2,000 of those injuries involve

the eye. About half of those injured are simple bystanders.

There are many official firework displays scheduled in the local area for the Fourth of July celebration. Holloman’s display will be at 8 p.m., July 1 at the Fitness and Sports Center’s new parking lot across from the skate park. Alamogordo will have their display at 9:15 p.m., July 4 at the New Mexico Museum of Space History. It will be visible from the whole city. Parking at the museum is for those who have parking passes.

“The most important thing to remember,” Sergeant Hill said, “is to read the rules and instructions, make sure you use them outside and make sure that children are supervised.”

On the side

Which kinds of fireworks are most dangerous?

- About two thirds of fireworks injuries are from backyard, (class C) fireworks like firecrackers, bottle rockets, Roman candles, fountains and sparklers, which are legal in many states.
- Fireworks-related injuries are most commonly associated with firecrackers (51 percent), bottle rockets (12 percent), and sparklers (seven percent).
- The most severe injuries are typically caused by rockets, cherry bombs and M-80s (Class B), which are federally banned from public sale.
- Illegal firecrackers cause 29 percent of all firecracker injuries.

CADETS LEARN IT'S A BEAR OUT THERE

by Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

For some college students, summer break signifies a return home from school or finding a summer job, but not for more than 1,000 U.S. Air Force Academy cadets.

Instead, they will be receiving a crash course in setting up a Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources base during Global Engagement 2005, in Jack's Valley, at the USAFA grounds in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Master Sgt. Aaron Sikes, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron electrical shop flight chief, said there will be six 10-day training sessions with more than 200 cadets attending each session.

During this training, the cadets will set up their own tents, cook, maintain supply discipline, perform convoy security and set up defensive fighting positions around the camp.

"This is a great opportunity for them to get their feet wet for a deployment," Sergeant Sikes said. "It will give the upper classmen a chance to develop their leadership skills and help them make better decisions after they graduate. When they deploy, they will have a few lessons learned in their back pocket to help them out."

The cadet commandos will go through four days of training to familiarize them on bed-down procedures before they have their actual deployment day.

Staff Sgt. Adam Kelley, 49th MMS electrical systems technician, is on his third round of teaching GE.



Cadet 3rd Class Hsi Chou digs a trench to keep water from entering a tent when it rains.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath

Cadet 3rd Class Nathan Haney looks for movement in the surrounding area to ensure camp security. Defensive fighting positions will be manned and snipers will be in place to combat against the cadre when they test the cadets training by trying to infiltrate the camp and take over during war day.

"The program gets better every year," Sergeant Kelley said. "This year the training will be even more in-depth due to the way we are fighting the war on terror in Afghanistan and Iraq. Most of the people teaching from the 49th MMS have been over there. We bring first hand experience and can tell the cadets what to expect."

The cadets will be given four more days of advance training to hone their skills in laying out an airfield, defending the base, dealing with protestors, chaplain and mortuary affairs. They will even set up a tactical field exchange.

Sergeant Kelley said the last day of training is always the instructors' favorite.

"The last day is when we get to put them to the test. We get to have our own little war with the cadets," Sergeant Kelley said. "We can start the war anytime after midnight and we'll keep them

running until dinner time."

"It's fun for us because we all get a chance to put on camouflage face paint and play the role of aggressor," Sergeant Kelley said. "Some of the cadets are really good at air base ground defense and they really get into it. That makes it even more fun for us because we have to think of a better way to get at them."

When the war is over, the rookie warriors are usually rewarded with a well earned steak dinner cooked by their very own services crew.

"It's a nice way to wrap up 10 days of hard training," Sergeant Sykes said.

The cadets will return to their dormitory

rooms and some may even be able to take leave.

For some of the cadets it will be the only time they are involved with the set up of a camp, but the one thing they won't forget is the hard work that went on before they arrived in BEAR country.



Cadet 3rd Class Dave Garcia sets a reflective runway edge marker in place.

convoy operations



Photos by Army Sgt. Engels Tejeda

Sergeant 1st Class Kevin Smith, an observer controller with the 91st Training Support Division, trains Senior Airman Mark Hewitt, 49th CES, on convoy firing. The 49th CES spent two weeks training with the Army to learn convoy operations.

49th CES spends two weeks with Army in pre-deployment course

by Army Sgt. Engels Tejeda
207th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron received a unique training opportunity at Dona Ana Base Camp, north of Fort Bliss. For two weeks, 39 Airmen learned how to conduct convoy operations from Army soldiers. The recent exercise, a first for the 49th CES, encompassed everything from weapons qualification to a live-fire convoy exercise.

“This training is a little different than what we usually do,” said 2nd Lt. Kevin Clapp, an engineer with the

49 CES. “It’s helping us see how the Army operates, which is important because some of our engineers are getting deployed to support the Army. Every little bit of training we do with the Army helps us better understand the other’s work environment.”

The Army’s 91st Training Support Division conducts convoy training exercises as part of a pre-deployment course for soldiers mobilizing to Iraq or Afghanistan. It consists of weapons qualification, weapons maintenance, land navigation and convoy operations. Training at Dona Ana is made to closely resemble the deployment experience. Weapons are carried at all times, body armor and Kevlar helmets are standard gear and convoy operations and exercise situations are made to be realistic. Humvees and M-249 gunners faced improvised roadside explosive devices and suicide bombers. Airmen practiced vehicle recovery, MedEvac and basic weapons fighting techniques.

More than the opportunity to familiarize themselves with Army operations, the Airmen also got a chance to use different equipment.

“The Airmen who attended will become the basis for the squadron’s convoy training,” said Lieutenant Clapp, “passing on the valuable information in preparation for our evolving mission requirements.”

Both groups are evaluating feedback from participants to decide if the joint training will be a recurring event. So far, the feedback from both the Airmen and soldiers has been overwhelmingly positive.

Capt. Richard Brown, an Observer-Controller with the 91st, said future missions would be beneficial to both services.

Staff Sgt. Bradley Livingston, 872nd Maintenance Company platoon sergeant, said, “It’s necessary to train together because we are joint forces and we all wear a uniform for the same purpose.”

(Editor’s note: First Lt. Chris Wojtko, 49th CES readiness flight chief, contributed to this article.)



2nd Lt. Kevin Clapp, 49th CES engineer, practices how to “fight with the weapon” with Capt. Richard Brown, an observer controller with the 91st Training Support Division.



Airman 1st Class Norman Luper, 49th CES, receives instructions on firing a machine gun from Sgt. Paul Dozier, an instructor attached to the 91st Training Support Division.

Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Aaron Snow
49th Communications Squadron



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

Duty title: Network training instructor

Time in service: One year

Time at Holloman: Seven months

Hometown: Newark, N.Y.

Personal and Career goals:

My personal and career goals are one in the same; my current motivation is to complete all necessary on the job training and begin taking college courses. I also would like to continue to be involved in the community and maintain the volunteer efforts I have made here at Holloman.

What new idea would you implement base-wide to help prevent drinking and driving?

I believe many of the tactics to combat drinking and driving are already well in place. I believe 572-RIDE is one of the

best ways that the base can prevent drunk driving. The base should coordinate with local establishments to help promote 572-RIDE to their military regulars. Also, continuous advertisement and encouragement to use the program would help.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Being able to put on the uniform everyday makes me feel a sense of pride for our country. Fulfilling a long time desire to do something more than just enough to get by in life has given me a strong loyalty to our military. Serving has also given me the opportunity to be involved with activities in the community. I enjoy the positive image of the Air Force that I am able to portray.

Entomology, Public Health combine efforts to keep mosquito problem in check

by Capt. Janet West
49th Aero-Medical Dental Squadron

With the increased rainfall we have had this year, we can expect a robust population of mosquitoes. As seasonal rains affect the Tularosa Basin, the water that collects in natural and man-made objects will attract mosquitoes, providing a perfect breeding ground for the flying carriers of disease.

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology section and the 49th Medical Group Public Health Element are combining their efforts to keep the mosquito problem in check. These two seemingly unrelated offices work in conjunction to monitor and control the mosquito population base-wide.

Monitoring the breeding grounds is a team effort and helps to prevent the mosquito larvae from becoming adults. The 49th CES Entomology section uses intelligence gathered from this surveillance to determine where to put their control measures. The measures used can range from biological control, such as mosquito larvae-eating fish, to chemical control in the form of larvacide to actually kill the larvae before having a chance to complete the life cycle.

The 49th Medical Group Public Health Element scrutinizes the mosquito population to determine if there is the presence of arboviruses, diseases which replicate in blood-feeding insects. The mosquito-borne diseases of medical importance in this area include West Nile Virus and Western Equine Encephalitis. Public Health collects live mosquito samples from various areas around the base to send for laboratory testing by the New Mexico Department of Health in Albuquerque. Testing last year revealed West Nile Virus within Otero County; although no human cases were reported,

the virus infected horses within Otero County. The virus is drawn from birds by mosquitoes, and passed to horses, livestock and humans.

Even in areas where the virus is circulating, very few mosquitoes are infected with the virus. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the risk of becoming infected from a single mosquito bite is less than one percent.

Public Health also plays a role in educating the base populace on disease prevention. The public can do their part by putting prevention into practice. Steps to reduce the chances of mosquito bites include:

- Avoid outdoor activities during the hours of dawn and dusk; or if outside, wear long sleeves and pants.
- Use insect repellents that contain DEET. Adults should use a concentration of as close to 33 percent as possible. For children, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends repellents contain no more than 10 percent DEET. Generally, aro-

sols and lotions have a higher concentration than mist sprays. Skin-so-Soft and baby oils are physical barriers and do not kill mosquitoes.

- Ensure window and door screens are in good working order.
- Remove stagnant or pooling water from around the house and yard. Toys, wading pools, birdbaths, and even empty bottles and cans are all potential reservoirs for mosquitoes. Clogged rain gutters may also collect water and should be cleaned periodically.
- Keep lawns and shrubs trimmed and don't water excessively.

For more information on the mosquito control program, please contact the Public Health Element at 572-3306/1859 or visit the Holloman Entomology Web site from a government computer at <https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil>, select the Mission Support Group option, select Civil Engineer option, and click on entomology.

Crossword answers



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BRIEFS

MDG closure

The 49th Medical Group will be closed from today to Monday.

Legal closure

The base legal office will be closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. July 12 for a retirement ceremony.

For emergencies, call the on-call JAG at 430-6401.

Enrichment program

The Part-Day Enrichment program begins Sept. 6. Stop by building 782 to pick up a registration packet or register from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 15 to 19. The five-day enrichment program is 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday to Friday and slots are limited.

For more information, call 572-5286.

Professional Enhancement Course

The 49th Fighter Wing Top III Association will host the annual Senior NCO Professional Enhancement Course and Senior NCO Induction Ceremony from July 19 to 22. All newly selected master sergeants are required to attend this Enlisted Professional Development Course. The course is designed to indoctrinate master sergeant selects and will present instruction on enlisted heritage, discipline, career progression, team building and motivation among other areas. The course will be held at the Community Activity Center and will culminate with a Senior NCO Induction Ceremony, the evening of July 22 at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

The cost to attend the Induction Ceremony is \$20 for non-club members and \$18 for club members. To R.S.V.P. for the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony, contact your unit first sergeant by July 15.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Laura Santos at 572-5512.

Visitor passes

Pass and ID will only write visitor passes today and Monday for the Fourth of July weekend.

For more information, call Pass and ID at 572-5920 or 572-5951.

Housing privatization

The Housing Privatization Web site is now available at: <https://holloman-web/msg/ces/Housing/privatization> is the most current in-

formation on housing privatization.

This information is currently only made available from the intranet with a wider release scheduled for August.

July 4 AAFES hours

- Base Exchange: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Shopette and Class Six: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Rent-a-Car: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- McDonald's: 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The following stores are closed July 4: Furniture store, military clothing sales, service bay, Anthony's Pizza, Robin Hood, Popeye's Chicken, base theater, beauty shop, barber shop, dry cleaners, alterations shop, optical shop, flower shop, Olive Branch, GNC, Mexico to You and Nextel.

Housing openings

Starting June 20, the Housing Office will accept applications from occupants currently residing in the 2200, 2300 and 2400 areas who desire to relocate to another base house. These occupants must have at least six months remaining on station and have no known permanent change of station, separation or retirement dates. The move will be voluntary at no cost to the government. Military members PCSing to Holloman will have priority over these voluntary moves.

For more information, call the Housing Office at 572-3982.

Message to troops

Video tape messages to send to troops overseas will be recorded from 4 to 8 p.m., today in the Fitness and Sports Center, room 132. Messages will be approximately one to three minutes long. Taping isn't limited to family members; all are encouraged to stop by and send a message or greeting to deployed members.

Mexico restrictions

A struggle between criminal organizations for control of the lucrative narcotics trade is fueling violent criminal activity along the U.S.-Mexico border, especially in the vicinity of Nuevo Laredo. Although the violence is aimed at

members of the drug trafficking organizations, criminal justice officials, journalists, foreign visitors and residents, including Americans, have been among the victims of homicide and kidnappings in the border region. All potential Department of Defense travelers to the affected area should be briefed on the current situation to include current state department travel warnings. Commanders and personnel should conduct a risk assessment prior to travel. Commanders are reminded that country clearance is required for active duty military personnel on leave travel to Mexico per DoD directive 4500.54g, foreign clearance guide.

Information on travel requirements is posted on the USNORTHCOM FP Web site under the heading "theater clearance" on siprnet at www.noradnorthcom.smil.mil/j3/j34 and on niprnet at www.noradnorthcom.mil/j3/j34.

Food tasting

The Asian Pacific Islanders Club has a Food Tasting Fundraiser from 11 to 1 p.m., July 29 at the Chapel Annex. Cost is

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

B On the BIG SCREEN

Mindhunter (R)

6 p.m., today and Sunday

XXX State of the Union (PG-13)

3 and 6:30 p.m., Saturday and 6 p.m., Sunday

BASIN BRIEFS

Elk Hunt Raffle

The Boys and Girls Club of Bloomfield is selling tickets for the Fourth Annual Charity Elk Hunt Raffle.

Tickets are \$50 each and only 1,500 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased online at www.bbgclub.org or in person/by mail at 701 S. 2nd St., Bloomfield, N.M., 87413. The drawing for the winning tickets will be held at 7 p.m., Aug. 20 at the San Juan County Fairgrounds.

All donations are tax deductible and proceeds benefit youth development programs in Bloomfield and the surrounding area.

For more information, call (505) 632-0123 or (866) 633-0123.

AFSA picnic

The local 1257 Air Force Sergeant's Association chapter will be hosting a picnic from noon, Saturday until Sunday at the Lower Fir Group Campsite in Cloudcroft. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and soda available. There are only 70 slots available, so spacing is limited. If you have a camper or trailer, bring it along.

For more information or to sign up, call Master Sgt. Tom Sooter at 572-7468.

Vet reunion

The Air Commando Association/Special Operations Veterans, from WWII to the present, Annual Reunion is Oct. 7 to 9 at Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

For more information, call (850) 581-0099, fax (850) 581-8988, e-mail aircomando@aol.com or web page <http://home.earthlink.net/~aircommando1/>.

Spencer Theater

Windsor Creek Trio and Fireworks: 6:30 p.m., Monday. Admission is \$28.

For more information, call 336-4800.

Independence Day Parade

The City of Alamogordo will have their annual Alamogordo Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m., July 4. The parade will

honor Vietnam Veterans and their unforgettable sacrifices. All Vietnam Veterans will be the parade marshals and are invited to participate in the parade. Anyone who is a Vietnam Veteran and/or knows a Vietnam Veteran who would like to be included in the parade should call Ms. Susan Flores at 439-4250 or 491-4388 by today.

UFT selection board

The next undergraduate flying training selection board will convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 10, 2006. This selection board will review active duty applications for selection to pilot, navigator or air battle manager training. Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1976 and a TFCSD after April 1, 2001 who meet all other eligibility criteria will be eligible to apply for UFT.

Applicants must send the completed application, postmarked by Nov. 23 2005, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT 3, 550 C St. West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150-4733. Applicants are responsible to advise commanders/supervisors providing AF IMT 215 comments of the application deadline. Applications with incomplete or missing data may not be processed.

All applicants need to complete the Air Force Officer Qualification Test. In addition, pilot applicants must complete the Basic Attributes Test.

For more information on application procedures, see AFI 36-2205 or contact the base formal training element at 572-5047.

FSC

The FSC offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Financial Management Class: 8 to 11 a.m., Monday.
- Smooth Move: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Monday.
- Spouse Information Day: 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Tuesday.
- Bundles for Babies: 1 to 3 p.m., July 11.
- Sponsorship Training: 9 to 10:30 a.m., July 13.
- Families Apart: 6 to 8 p.m., July 13 at the base pool.

For more information or to make reservations for an event, call the FSC at 572-7754 or visit

the Web site at wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc. For more information or to make reservations for an event, call the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the Web site at wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Bike night

The next Bike Night is 5 p.m., July 9 at J.R. Rockers.

Activities at White Sands

Sunset Stroll Nature Walk: 7 p.m., today to July 9.

Evening Program: Star Talk: 8:30 p.m., today and July 8.

Schedule is subject to change.

For more information, call 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599, extension 232.

Visit the park's Web site at www.nps.gov/whsa

Game tournament results

More than 100 team Holloman members of all ages competed in the Dorm Council's first ever Halo 2 tournament and Team America won the battle of the thumbs. The council will hold tournaments quarterly.

For information or to have a say in what games will be played in the next tournament, call Airman 1st Class Adam Boubede at 572-7472.

CAC

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The CAC also features the following videos today to Thursday:

- Welcome to Holloman: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest: A Treatable Public Health Crisis: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Man and Safety Tools, Shop/Flight Line Safety, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Day: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Air Force approves wear of Iraqi, Afghanistan campaign medals

The Air Force has authorized wear of the Afghanistan Campaign and Iraqi Campaign medals.

The Department of Defense campaign medals apply to active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel deployed on or after Oct. 24, 2001 for Operation Enduring Freedom and March 19, 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Airmen must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in Afghanistan or Iraq for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days to be eligible. The ACM is awarded for service for all land areas and all airspaces above Afghanistan. The ICM is for service covering all land areas of Iraq, all adjoining water areas out to 12 nautical miles and

all airspaces above those areas.

Service members are not entitled to more than one campaign and/or expeditionary medal for the same action, achievement or period of service. In addition, there are no devices for the ACM, ICM and Global War on Terrorism Medal.

A period of service is defined as an area of deployment, and includes the number of days criteria outlined above. Members begin a second period of service when they forward deploy or return to home station and then redeploy later.

Airmen deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, who have 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, between the eligibility period and April 30, 2005

may elect to wear either the appropriate campaign medal or the GWOT-E medal, but not both.

The Air Force Personnel Center will do a mass system update in August to convert GWOT-E medals to ACMs or ICMs, for Airmen now eligible for one of the campaign medals. Airmen who do not want the GWOT-E medal converted should notify their commander's support staff or military personnel flight.

The ACM shall be positioned below the Kosovo Campaign Medal above the ICM, and the ICM shall be positioned below the ACM and above the GWOT medal.

For more information, contact the local CSS or MPF. (AFPN)



Photo by 2nd Lt. Alfred Ocampo

Senior Airman Rebecca Weaver (left) and Airman 1st Class Hsi-wen Chang, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron, extinguish a fire during the Fire Extinguisher Maintenance training course June 20. Twelve 49th LRS personnel attended the hands-on fire-extinguisher course held by the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department. The course allows personnel to learn the proper techniques of extinguishing fires. Fire Extinguisher training courses are held 9 a.m., Wednesdays at building 303. To request a course, contact Airman 1st Class Shane Rickert at 572-5942.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens

You’re out

Jason Lovett, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron A first baseman, catches a low throw at first to put out 49th Maintenance Squadron/AMMO player, Beau Mercer, during the 49th MXS/AMMO team’s 21 to 11 win over the 49th LRS A team Wednesday at Vandenburg field.

Softball Scoreboard

Large unit

June 20
Vandenburg softball field
49 MDG A 14, 49 LRS A 12

Johnson softball field
49 SFS 11, 49 CES A 9
49 MMG A 13, 49 CES B 11

Small unit

June 20
Vandenburg softball field
49 SVS 19, 49 CS B 15
46 TG 15, 49 MDG B 9
49 OSS 17, 49 CS 12

Johnson softball field
49 MMG B 16, 49 MXS/MXMT 8
49 CS B 1, 49 FW/MSS 0
49 MMG B 13, 49 MDG B 3
46 TG 23, 49 CES C 5

Large unit standings

Team	Win	Loss
49 CES A	7	3
49 CES B	7	3
49 MDG A	7	4
49 MMG A	6	5
49 LRS A	4	7
49 SFS	4	7
49 MXS/AMMO	3	7
49 MXG	0	2

(Current as of June 21)

Small unit standings

Team	Win	Loss
49 SVS	15	0
49 MXS/AVIONICS	10	2
49 OSS	9	5
46 TG	8	5
49 CS	8	5
49 FW/MSS	8	5
49 MMG B	8	6
4 SPCS	6	7
49MXS/MXMT	6	7
49 MDG B	4	11
49 CES C	3	10
9 FS	2	10
49 CS B	2	11
Lady Nighthawks	0	5

(Current as of June 29)